

**Abstract**

A system and method that provides for a graphical user interface which is dynamically configurable and includes a container area. The user may access individual software applications through a graphical user interface or desktop. The application may appear in a graphical application window, whose position, size and shape may be altered with respect to the desktop. The invention monitors a graphical application window, and if it detects an attempt by the application to extend beyond the container area, the system causes the graphical application window to be automatically moved, resized, or reshaped so as to be bounded by the container area.

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